3. Circular Railway around Lucknow area
4. Bhubaneshwar-Kottavalasa
5. Bokarao Steel City-Muri-Hatia Bondamunda-Bimlagarh-Kiriburu/ Barsuan incl. Purulia-Kotshila
6. Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar including Talcher-Paradeep

Double-Lining of Guntakal-Hospet Rail Line

2847. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Railway Infrastructure Development Limited has requested Government to approve doubling of the Guntakal Hospet rail line;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of the above project; and

(c) whether Government have approved the above work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) to (c) Guntakal Hospet doubling project is a sanctioned project. The latest estimated cost of the project as per the Budget papers for the year 2001-02 is Rs. 154.10 crores. Necessary approvals have already been obtained for the execution of this project. It is one of the four projects identified for execution through Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE), the proposed Joint Venture between Ministry of Railways and the Government of Karnataka.

New Delhi-Guwahati Fast Train

2848. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to introduce any new fast train from New Delhi to Guwahati; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) No, Sir.